



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Repealer to

WAC 230-20-052

Transportation provided to bingo players.

ITEM 11 (a) on the October 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

Historically, the transportation of bingo players has been considered a gift and therefore, not allowed. In 1996, the bingo industry requested the ability to provide transportation to their players. Bingo operators also expressed concerns about the potential for competing operators transporting players out of the county and/or away from their games. As a result, this rule was written to allow bingo operators to provide transportation to players once a week, from out of Washington state. Several months ago, Commissioner Ludwig asked staff to review the agency's philosophy behind this rule.

Staff have reviewed the concept behind this restriction and have determined regulatory concerns are not sufficient to continue with the restriction. Staff recommends allowing bingo operators unrestricted opportunity to transport players to their games. Therefore, this rule is up for repeal.

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Bingo Licensees.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

Adoption.

Proposed effective date.

January 1, 2004.



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendments to

WAC 230-12-050

Extension of credit, loans, or gifts prohibited – Limited exception.

ITEM 11 (b) on the October 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>Housekeeping: This rule was amended to include transportation of players to and from gambling activities as a gift from the bingo operator to the player.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Bingo operators.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Adoption.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2004.	



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendment to
WAC 230-20-050
Use of Proceeds.

ITEM 11 (c) on the October 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>Housekeeping: To remove reference to transporting bingo players. Furthermore, staff rewrote the rule so that it is clearer and easier to understand.</p> <p><u>Change made after the August Meeting:</u> At the August meeting, the industry brought forward concerns that the rule re-write changed the intent of this rule and they would be required to obtain prior approval <u>each</u> time they gave funds to a specific person. This was not the intent of the rewrite. Staff will review the language and may have a revised rule next month.</p> <p><u>Changes made after the September Meeting:</u> Amended #1: Due to concerns raised by the industry at the August meeting, only the housekeeping change to remove the reference to transporting bingo players will be made. The remaining language will remain as it is currently written.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Charitable and Nonprofit Licensees.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Adoption.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2004.	



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Repealer to

WAC 230-20-190

Bingo card prices.

ITEM 11 (d) on the October 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

In 2000, a rules package was adopted by the Commission to streamline promotions related to gambling activities. At that time, WAC 230-12-045 (copy attached) was adopted, which outlined the restrictions relating to promotions related to gambling activities. This rule is up for repeal as free play for bingo players is addressed in WAC 230-12-045.

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Bingo licensees.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

Adoption.

Proposed effective date.

January 1, 2004.



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendment to

WAC 230-20-242

Activities conducted as part of bingo games – Authorization – Restrictions.

ITEM 11 (e) on the October 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>Housekeeping: In 2000, a rules package was adopted by the Commission to streamline promotions related to gambling activities. At that time, WAC 230-12-045 was adopted, which outlined restrictions to promotions related to gambling activities.</p> <p>Two provisions in this rule, Creativity and Originality Contests (Subsection (2)), and Birthday Prizes (Subsection (5)), are now covered by WAC 230-12-045. Therefore, staff recommends removing these subsections from the rule.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Bingo Licensees.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Adoption.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2004.	